

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1. (currently amended) A composite element which has the following layer structure:
  - (i) from 2 to 20 mm of metal;
  - (ii) from 10 to 300 mm of polyisocyanate polyaddition products comprising the reaction product of (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of at least one inorganic acid, and at least one catalyst (d), said at least one inorganic acid present in an amount of from 0.1 to 0.5 percent by weight based on the weight of (b);
  - (iii) from 2 to 20 mm of metal, wherein (ii) is adhered to both (i) and (iii) with an adhesion of > 4MPa .
2. (previously presented) A composite element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inorganic acid comprises phosphoric acid.
3. (previously presented) A composite element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said catalyst (d) comprises tertiary amines and/or metal catalysts.
4. (previously presented) A composite element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said compounds (b) comprises polymer polyols.

5. (previously presented) A composite element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said isocyanates (a) comprises MDI isocyanate components having a functionality greater than 2.
6. (previously presented) A composite element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said polyisocyanate polyaddition products are produced in the presence of from 1 to 50% by volume of gases (c).
7. (previously presented) A composite element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said polyisocyanate polyaddition products are produced in the presence of (f) blowing agents.
8. (currently amended) A composite element having the following layer structure:
  - (i) from 2 to 20 mm of metal,
  - (ii) from 10 to 300 mm of polyisocyanate polyaddition products with density from 3.0 to 1100 kg/m<sup>3</sup> comprising the reaction product of (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of at least one inorganic acid present in an amount of from 0.1 to 0.5 percent by weight based on the weight of (b), (d) catalysts, and, optionally, of (f) blowing agents, and of from 1 to 50% by volume, based on the volume of the polyisocyanate polyaddition products, of at least one gas (c), and/or of (e) auxiliaries and/or additives,
  - (iii) from 2 to 20 mm of metal, wherein (ii) adheres to both (i) and (iii) with an

adherence of > 4MPa.

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).